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Attention is invited to the attached copy of an Official Action mailed December 7, 2007 in the counterpart Chinese patent application no. 200580010113.9 and a copy of CN 1414328 (corresponding to U.S. 6,824,588) cited in it. A completed Form PTO/SB/08A is also attached.

Official citation and consideration of all the listed documents is requested. Please return to the undersigned a copy of the attached PTO/SB/08A with the examiner's initials in the left column [MPEP §609] with the next communication.

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